

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (Canceled)

21-23. (Canceled).

24. (Previously Presented) An air return bulkhead, comprising:
a peripheral portion adapted to abut a wall of a trailer;
a panel coupled to and offset from the peripheral portion to define a plenum between the panel and the wall when the peripheral portion abuts the wall; and
a plurality of mounting members to releasably secure the peripheral portion in abutment with the wall such that the bulkhead is secured to the wall in an elevated position above floor of the trailer and such that the bulkhead may be manually removed and reinstalled without the use of handheld tools,
wherein the panel comprises a lower panel portion that is wider than an upper panel portion such that the width of the plenum is greater proximal to the lower panel portion than the width of the plenum proximal to the upper panel portion.

25. (Previously presented) The air return bulkhead of claim 24, wherein the lower panel portion has a width substantially similar to the width of the trailer wall and the upper panel portion has a width substantially less than the width of the trailer wall.

26. (Previously Presented) An air return bulkhead, comprising:
a peripheral portion adapted to abut a wall of a trailer;

a panel coupled to and offset from the peripheral portion to define a plenum between the panel and the wall when the peripheral portion abuts the wall; and

a plurality of mounting members to releasably secure the peripheral portion in abutment with the wall such that the bulkhead is secured to the wall in an elevated position above floor of the trailer and such that the bulkhead may be manually removed and reinstalled without the use of handheld tools,

wherein the plurality of mounting members comprise hook members extending in an angularly upward direction from the wall when the hook members are coupled to the wall,

wherein the hook members extend in an angularly upward direction from the trailer wall when the hook members are coupled to the wall so that peripheral portion is increasing compelled toward the trailer wall as hook members engage the panel.

27. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 24, wherein the plurality of mounting members comprises a surface of the panel that engages at least one strap coupled to the trailer wall.

28. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 27, wherein the plurality of mounting members further comprises at least one slot in the bulkhead that mates with at least one mounting flange engaged with the trailer wall, the mounting flange comprising an angled portion that extends toward a tip portion, the tip portion passing through the slot of the bulkhead so that the mounting flange mates with the slot.

29. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 28, wherein the angled portion of the flange extends from the trailer wall at an upward angle so that the peripheral portion is increasingly compelled against the trailer wall as the flange mates with the slot of the bulkhead.

30. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 29, wherein the peripheral portion forms a seal with the trailer wall when compelled against the trailer wall, the bulkhead providing an air return channel facing the floor of the trailer.

31. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 30, further comprising a filter element coupled to the panel, the filter element being disposed in the plenum area and spaced apart from the air return channel facing the floor of the trailer.

32. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 24, further comprising a plurality of support members coupled to the panel to maintain the panel a first distance from the wall, the support members having a generally conical surface extending away from the panel.

33. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 24, wherein the upper panel portion has a width approximate to a width of a temperature control unit of the trailer.

34. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 26, wherein the panel comprises a lower panel portion that is wider than an upper panel portion such that the width of the plenum is greater proximal to the lower panel portion than the width of the plenum proximal to the upper panel portion.

35. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 34, wherein the lower panel portion has a width substantially similar to the width of the trailer wall and the upper panel portion has a width substantially less than the width of the trailer wall.

36. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 26, wherein the plurality of mounting members further comprises a surface of the panel that engages at least one strap coupled to the trailer wall.

37. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 26, wherein the hook members comprise flanges engaged with the trailer wall, each of the flanges comprising an angled portion that extends toward a tip portion offset from the trailer wall.

38. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 37, wherein the plurality of mounting members further comprises slots in the bulkhead that mate with the angled portions of the flanges, the tip portion of each flange passing through a corresponding slot of the bulkhead so that the flange mates with the slot.

39. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 26, wherein the peripheral portion forms a seal with the trailer wall when abutted against the trailer wall, the bulkhead providing an air return channel facing the floor of the trailer.

40. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 39, further comprising a filter element coupled to the panel, the filter element being disposed in the plenum area and spaced apart from the air return channel facing the floor of the trailer.

41. (New) An air return bulkhead, comprising:

- a peripheral portion abutted against a wall of a trailer;

- a panel coupled to the peripheral portion to define a plenum between the panel and the trailer wall, the panel comprising a surface that engages at least one strap coupled to the trailer wall, the strap urging the peripheral portion to abut the trailer wall;

- at least one slot defined in the bulkhead and mated with at least one mounting flange engaged with the trailer wall, the mounting flange comprising an angled portion that extends from the trailer wall at an upward angle toward a tip portion, the tip portion passing through the slot of the bulkhead so that the mounting flange mates with the slot, the angled portion of the flange engaging the slot of the bulkhead so that the peripheral portion is increasingly compelled against the trailer wall as the flange mates with the slot of the bulkhead;

- the bulkhead being releasably mounted to the trailer wall in an elevated position above a floor of the trailer using the at least one strap coupled to the trailer wall and the at least one mounting flange engaged with the trailer wall,

wherein the bulkhead is manually removable from the trailer wall without the use of handheld tools.

42. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 41, wherein the panel comprises a lower panel portion that is wider than an upper panel portion such that the width of the plenum is greater proximal to the lower panel portion than the width of the plenum proximal to the upper panel portion.

43. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 42, wherein the lower panel portion has a width substantially similar to the width of the trailer wall and the upper panel portion has a width substantially less than the width of the trailer wall.

44. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 43, wherein the upper panel portion has a width approximate to a width of a temperature control unit of the trailer.

45. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 41, wherein the peripheral portion forms a seal with the trailer wall when releasably mounted to the trailer wall, the bulkhead providing an air return channel facing the floor of the trailer.

46. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 45, further comprising a filter element coupled to the panel, the filter element being disposed in the plenum area and spaced apart from the air return channel facing the floor of the trailer.

47. (New) The air return bulkhead of claim 41, further comprising a plurality of support members coupled to the panel to maintain the panel a first distance from the wall, the support members having a generally conical surface extending away from the panel.

48. (New) A method of using an air return bulkhead, comprising:
abutting a peripheral portion of the bulkhead with a trailer wall;
mating at least one slot of the bulkhead with at least one mounting flange engaged with the trailer wall, the mounting flange comprising an angled portion that extends toward a tip portion offset from the trailer wall, the tip portion passing through the slot of the bulkhead so that the mounting flange mates with the slot;

engaging at least one strap with a panel of the bulkhead, the panel being coupled to the peripheral portion to define a plenum between the panel and the trailer wall, the engagement of the strap urging the peripheral portion to abut the trailer wall,

wherein the bulkhead is releasably mounted to the trailer wall in an elevated position above a floor of the trailer using the at least one strap and the at least one mounting flange, the bulkhead being manually removable from the trailer wall without the use of handheld tools.

49. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the angled portion of the flange extends from the trailer wall at an upward angle so that the peripheral portion of the bulkhead is increasingly compelled against the trailer wall as the flange mates with the slot.

50. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the bulkhead is releasably mounted to the trailer wall in an orientation such that the lower panel portion has a width substantially similar to the width of the trailer wall and the upper panel portion has a width substantially less than the width of the trailer wall.

51. (New) The method of claim 48, further comprising forming a seal between the peripheral portion and the trailer wall, the bulkhead defining an air return channel facing the floor of the trailer.

52. (New) The method of claim 51, further comprising accessing a filter element coupled to the panel, the filter element being disposed in the plenum area and spaced apart from the air return channel facing the floor of the trailer.

53. (New) The method of claim 52, wherein accessing the filter element comprises manually removing the bulkhead from the trailer wall without the use of handheld tools.